

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Screen for holding refuse sacks (7) open,
~~characterized in wherein:~~

that the screen (1) is shorter than the refuse sack (7) such that open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) can be folded into the screen (1),

that the screen (1) is designed to stretch the refuse sack (7), and

that a locking device (11) is provided on the screen (1) such that open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) can be pressed on said locking device (11).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): Screen according to claim 1,
~~characterized in wherein:~~

that the screen (1) consists of elastic material and is compressible from a normal shape to a narrower shape,

that the refuse sack (7) can be threaded onto the screen (1) or said screen (1) be inserted into said refuse sack (7) when said screen (1) is compressed to a narrower shape, and

that the screen (1) can be brought to spring out from its narrower shape to its normal shape and thereby stretch the refuse sack (7).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): Screen according to claim 2,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ a holding-together member (13) is provided to hold the screen (1) in its narrower shape.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): Screen according to ~~any preceding claim~~,
~~characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ second end portions (1c) of the screen (1) has at least one handle opening (6) into which parts (12) of the refuse sack (7) are insertable such that one can get hold of the handle opening (6) in order to lift and carry the screen (1) and the refuse sack (7).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): Screen according to ~~any preceding claim~~,
~~characterized in that claim 1; wherein~~ the locking device (11) comprises pins (11a) which extend outwards from second end portions (1c) of the screen (1) and against which open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) can be pressed preferably for penetration thereof.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): Screen according to ~~any preceding claim~~,
~~characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the screen (1) in cross section has a semicircular or substantially semicircular shape.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Screen according to claim 1,
~~characterized in that wherein~~ the screen (1) is provided to permit location thereof, with a refuse sack (7) provided thereon, on a support (8) from which refuse shall be moved into the refuse sack (7), such that those parts (12) of the refuse sack (7) which extend between the two longitudinal edges (2, 3) of the screen (1) and which thereby have a planar or substantially planar shape, are situated close to and/or engage said support (8).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): Screen according to ~~any preceding claim~~,
~~characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the longitudinal edges (2, 3) of the screen (1) are designed or include members for preventing damage of the refuse sack (7) by said longitudinal edges (2, 3).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): Screen according to ~~any preceding claim~~,
~~characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ a strip (15) can be hooked onto two longitudinal edges (2, 3) of the screen (1) such that said strip (15) extends across an opening (1a) between said edges (2, 3) at second end portions (1c) of the screen (1) and that open parts (7b) of the refuse sack (7) can be folded within said strip (15).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): Screen according to any preceding claim,
~~characterized in claim 1, wherein:~~

that the screen (1) is thin-walled and elastic and consists of polypropylene or similar material, and

that the refuse sack (7) is a plastic bag from which the screen (1) can be removed and which can be tied up after removal of the screen (1).